

PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

This meeting will be conducted In Person ONLY

Date: February 16, 2023

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Memorial School - Chapel

Posted: January 25, 2023

Attendance: Bill Scatolini, Bryan Litz, Jon Stogner, Dave Trebbe, Olivia D'Amour, Marc Atkin

Absent: PJ Cambo

Guest: Sue Burke

I. Meeting Called To Order.

Meeting called to order at 5:33PM by Mr. Scatolini

II. Minutes from Previous Meetings Approved and Accepted. a.

June 2022 and December - Minutes will be updated for March minutes

Need to add an amendment to the October 6, 2022 minutes for the motion to approve Mr. Litz to new three year term commencing June 8, 2022 and expiring on June 8, 2025.

III. Bills Submitted for Approval:

- a. MB Tractor = \$33,375.04
- b. MyRec = \$5,710.00
- c. T – Mobile = \$97.68
- d. NEPM = \$6,238.10
- e. Northern Tree = \$5,400.00
- f. Mobile = \$97.71

IV. Budget Report

- a. General Fund - FY 22 \$221,634 compared to FY 23 \$164,670
- b. Revolving - Feb 2022 \$99,806.46 compared to Feb 2023 \$123, 288.61
- c. FY24 Budget Submission - Level budget submitted by Mr. Litz to the town, a few big ticket items, toro workman, lighting for access road at spec, fulltime parks employee instead of 7 month seasonal employee.

V. Correspondence

- a. MyRec - will most likely increase in price, possibly doubling in price. Comments made about the user friendly usage for certain town users.
- b. Tax Work Off - 5 of the 6 positions have been filled
- c. Letter of Praise - Jim Slattery for the work at Spec Pond
- d. Beach pass - Donated beach pass for \$100 to Children's Museum raffle
- e. Spec Pond Day Camp - Registration will open for residence on March 21 and non-residence on March 28

VI. Committee Reports.

- a. F.O.R. (Bryan Litz) - 3 New members have been added, April 16 trail race, May 20 fishing derby, updating bylaws. Around \$60,000 in account with a large portion marked for pickleball courts.
- b. Community Preservation (Dave Trebbe) - 5-7 projects submitted. Around \$650,000 in projects. Stan Soja has been added as a new member on CPC.

- Motion made by Mr. Atkin that the CPC liaison will vote on behalf of the WRC CPC projects on a yearly basis. Second by Mrs. D'Amour with all in favor
- c. Selectmen Liaison (Bill Scatolini) - none at this time
 - d. Open Space (Sue Burke) - Beaver device installed for a dam on one of the trails. Concern from the group about the stone wall with the historical aspect on Stony Hill Rd, hikes are starting up.
 - e. Sports Associations/Committees (Bryan Litz)
 - i. Disc Golf - Tree work being completed.
 - ii. Baseball Committee - Neil N. and Bill K. no longer voting members.
- Motion made to add Nicole Morin as a voting member to the baseball committee. Second by Mr. Atkin all in favor

VII. Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting.

- a. Monday selectman meeting WMA looking to help fund a project
- b. Pipe Burst - Garvey field house, variety of items need replaced
- c. PV Financial - looking to host an end of school year event at Spec Pond
- d. Connor Duquet has resigned from rec dept due to moving to NH

VIII. Old Business.

- a. State Earmarks - Committee went through the large and smaller cost projects that have been proposed over the years.
Motion made by Mr. Scatolini recommended the Wilbraham Soccer Club Bathrooms as top funded project and second funded project as Wilbraham Soccer Complex Trenching. Second by Mrs. D'Amour all in favor.
- b. Memorial School - timeline has been established for any future movement on the proposed usage for the town and rec department. Cell phone tower at Memorial has been put on pause until further notice by the BOS. Upcoming meeting with YMCA directors for future lease options for the town moving forward.

IX. New Business.

- a. Spec Pond Summer Basketball League - looking to rework the structure of the league. Idea would be to not allow AAU teams as this is not structured as a competitive league
- b. Spec Pond Concession Contract - Pafumi's will renew a 3 year contract.
Motion made by Mr. Stogner to approve a 3 year spec pond field concession contract for Pafumis. Second Mr. Trebbe all in favor.
- c. Members - looking to add 1 new member to the board
- d. Rec vs Competitive - table until next meeting
- e. Vision = 5 years or 10 years - Staffing would be a priority with field maintenance a top need as fields slowly change with time. Big upkeep needed so things don't get worse and need major fixings. Ron D. has mapped out a master plan for these field upkeep aspects.
- f. Pickleball - The league has changed to a pay to play system, offering a \$30 punch pass.
- g. Field Maintenance - \$16,000 brought in for field usage, money used for employees and to offset intown team light usage to save on fees.

X. Adjournment.

Motion made to adjourn at 7:41PM

Respectfully submitted by Jon Stogner